

First Hero, Then Nuisance.
Bob It, Forget It.
Some Eat, Some Worship.
Smiling War Party.
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Frank A. Munsey, in deep grief and big letters, pulls this on the front page of his New York Herald:

A hundred billions of dollars before we are out of debt, and now Congress proposes to mulct us for five billions more for the bonus.

The figures are correct enough, but the walling is not. If it was worth one hundred billions, principal and interest, to win the war, is 5 per cent of the amount too much for the man that won it? Five billions is 5 per cent of hundred billions. Munsey would give 5 per cent for any important service. It's low interest. He pays advertising agents 15 per cent. Prosperity calls the soldier a hero in time of trouble and a damned nuisance afterward.

In Chicago, every day, 2,500 women, from girlhood to grandmotherhood, have their hair bobbed. In factories, on Atlantic City's board walk, in Hollywood, Palm Beach, and Brooklyn—everywhere—more and more hair is bobbed. Some merchants, clergymen, and others protest, but not wisely. Long hair is a nuisance.

It was useful twelve thousand years ago, in the Stone Age, to cover the young baby's head resting on the mother's shoulder. It is useful here and there as a handle for an angry husband. Men believe they think it beautiful, but Freud can prove that's imagination.

If long hair goes it may take foolish hats and dresses with it. When men wore long hair they dressed foolishly. Bobbed hair will save time. Every woman could read Plato in the time she wastes twisting around her finger wigs of hair pulled from her comb, and deposited in a paper cornucopia, to be made later into a rat, "all my own hair."

If every woman read Plato she would know enough to have her children after thirty and select a father old enough to have a brain full grown, not a mere fox trot record. Time is our only possession. Bobbed hair saves it. Bob your hair. But then forget it, as men do. Don't fuss over it.

Many a King, Emperor, Czar, Sultan, Pharaoh, has found ruling made easy by religion. Kingsmen learned that crowds could be frightened by threats, or charmed with promises about the hereafter, ruling has been easier. "I must have a spiritual gendarmierie," said Napoleon. England's Emperor-King, mild person, hangs on in India, thanks to religion—to religious hate in this case.

About 70,000,000 Mohammedans and 215,000,000 Hindus divide India's man power. Mohammedan's followers are fighters, therefore stronger.

The Mohammedans eat meat and devour when they can get her, the cow sacred to the Hindus. With 70,000,000 worshipping that cow, King George rules while his subjects hate. It's all for the best, possibly. Hindus that worship a cow and Mohammedans that believe in Mohammedan miracles are hardly fit to rule themselves.

Northcliffe speaks of Japan's "smiling war party," excellent description. Always smiling, bowing, never sleeping, the Japanese will make us think some day.

Northcliffe wonders what we are going to do about "the three thousand Philippine Islands, with their eighty languages."

The Washington conference, just ended, did what it could to hand those islands over to Japan by guaranteeing not to strengthen their fortifications.

At that conference, by the way, you didn't hear anything about England leaving unfortified Gibraltar, the great rock that gives her control of the Mediterranean, enabling her, if she chooses, to forbid France, Italy, Greece, Turkey, and all the Balkans to send any ships out into the Atlantic. Regulating poor old Uncle Sam was the job there, and it went through, well greased.

One Congressman demands a press agent for the House. Newspapers do not tell what happens in Congress, says he. They do tell when anything happens. Unfortunately things important happen in the cloakrooms, committee rooms, and lobbies. Newspapers would gladly print names of paymasters back of certain legislation, but the names are guesswork. The Congressman says, "If I were to invite some member to go outside and settle a dispute, it would be printed in big letters." Yes, that would be news.

Congress needs an advertising agent, not a press agent. An advertising agent would tell Congressmen what to say to command attention. A little man who has obeyed the boss lands in Congress, and is annoyed that newspapers refuse to consider him a big man overnight. It did not take Hiram Johnson long to make people know he was in the Senate. No boss sent him there. What is more important than a

Fair tonight and Sunday; no change in temperature. Lowest temperature tonight, about 26; gentle variable winds. Temperature at 8 a. m., 28.

SAYS ACTRESS PLOTTED TAYLOR DEATH

'Bluebeard' Beheaded; Denies Guilt To End

COMMITTEE C. K.'S 3 TREATIES

PASSED ON TO SENATE BY 10 TO 3

Borah, Johnson, and Shields Vote Against Four-Power Pact.

By J. BART CAMPBELL, International News Service.

The first step in pushing the conference treaties through the United States Senate was accomplished today when the Foreign Relations Committee, meeting behind closed doors, ordered three of the seven pacts reported to the Senate.

Chinese Pacts Left Out.

These were:
1. The four-power Pacific treaty, replacing the Anglo-Japanese alliance, with the Brandegee-Harding compromise reservation attached.
2. The five-power naval treaty between the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan.
3. The submarine and poison gas treaty between the same five powers, abolishing the use of gas in warfare and limiting the usages of submarines.

The action of the Foreign Relations Committee, taken after a number of tumultuous and wrangling sessions, leaves only the various treaties affecting China still in the committee's hands.

The vote to report the four-power treaty was 10 to 3. The negative votes were those of Senators Borah of Idaho and Johnson of California, Republicans, and Shields of Tennessee, Democrat.

The compromise reservation to the Pacific treaty agreed upon by President Harding and Senator Brandegee (Republican) of Connecticut was adopted by a vote of 10 to 3. The votes cast against it were those of Senators Kellogg (Republican) of Minnesota, Pomerene (Democrat) of Ohio and Williams (Democrat) of Mississippi.

The vote to report the naval limitation and the submarine-poison gas treaties was unanimous. No reservations were attached to them, the reservation to the Pacific treaty being the only one adopted.

The supplemental agreement taking the Japanese homeland out of the Pacific treaty was ordered reported by a vote of 12 to 1, Senator Borah voting against it.

Will Report All At Once.

Senator Lodge announced that as soon as the Chinese treaties were ordered reported, which he expected would be done early next week, he would report all seven treaties together to the Senate.

The original Brandegee reservation to which President Harding objected, was defeated by a vote of 9 to 4 when it was re-offered by Senator Johnson. Those voting for it were Senators Borah, Johnson, Moses, and Shields.

A motion by Senator Pomerene to strike from the Harding-Brandegee reservation adopted the words "no alliance" was defeated by a vote of 10 to 3. Senators Pomerene, Kellogg and Williams voted for the motion.

A new substitute offered by Pomerene for the Harding-Brandegee reservation was defeated by a vote of 12 to 1. Pomerene himself casting the only vote for it.

Three Democratic committee members, Hitchcock of Nebraska, Swann of Virginia, and Pittman of Nevada, were absent, and not recorded as voting. Senator McCormick (Rep.) of Illinois was also absent, but his proxy, held by Senator Lodge, was cast with the deciding majority votes.

Outstanding Hero of the Airship Roma Disaster



MASTER SERGT. CHAPMAN. Of the crew of the airship Roma, who was imprisoned by the collapse of the dirigible. He had presence of mind to use his pocket knife to rip open a hole in the bag, permitting several of the survivors to jump to safety at the moment of the explosion. He is in a hospital recovering from injuries.

NORTH VIRGINIA FLOODED WITH KLUX POSTERS

For First Time in Its History Klan Comes Out Publicly and Tells Creed.

For the first time in its history, the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan have come into the open. Posters telling of the Klan's creed were distributed last night throughout northern Virginia.

More than 500 of the posters have been placed in conspicuous places, according to Klan officials.

It also was announced that a big mass meeting in the interest of the Klan was held at Hyattsville, Md., last night, most of those attending being members of the Junior Order of American Mechanics.

The posters, in red and black letters on a sheet of cardboard, read: "We, the order of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, reverentially acknowledge the majesty and supremacy of the Divine Being and recognize the goodness and providence of same."

"We appreciate our relation to the Government of the United States of America, the supremacy of its Constitution, the Union of the States thereunder and the constitutional laws thereof, and we shall be ever devoted to the sublime principles of a pure Americanism and valiant in the defense of its ideals and institutions."

"We avow the distinctions between the races as same as been decreed by the Creator, and shall ever be true in the faithful maintenance of white supremacy and will strenuously oppose any compromise thereof in any and all things."

"We recognize the intrinsic value of a real practical fraternal relationship among men of kindred thought, purpose and ideals and the infinite benefits accruable therefrom, and shall faithfully devote ourselves to the practice of an honorable clan-nishness that the life and living of each may be a constant blessing to others."

"Non Silba Sed Anthar" (Not for ourselves, but for others).

WRITER OF FILM STAR THREATS TO BE FREED GUNMAN

Neither P. O. Department Nor Women Who Got Notes Will Prosecute.

George E. Long, writer of the death threat letters to prominent society women, will not be prosecuted.

Following his confession last night that he was the author of the threatening communications, he was released in the custody of a clergyman and went to his home at 1910 N street northwest. Today he is with his wife, who is seriously ill, and his three young children, the youngest of whom is six months old.

P. O. Dept. Not to Prosecute. Action against Long was dropped after the women who had received threats urged that he not be prosecuted.

Rush D. Simmons, chief inspector of the Postoffice Department, stated this morning that his office, after conferring with Inspector Grant and William J. Burns, chief of the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice, would take no further action against Long.

Long, who since 1904 has been a clerk in the Bureau of Insular Affairs of the War Department, is scheduled to hold his job. He worked with the clerical force in the Philippine Islands when former President William H. Taft was governor of the islands, and also was with the American Peace Party, headed by former President Wilson, at the conference in Versailles.

"I wrote the letters because I believed they would induce the people to give some of their riches for poor, needy children," said Long. "The idea may have been suggested by my reading recently the demands made for money under pain of death of Mrs. Louis P. Gatti, 738 Fifth street northwest."

Didn't Follow Up Demands. "I never attempted to get the money that I demanded be left at secluded spots."

Long would not make any statement other than this, despite the fact that he was questioned for three hours by Inspector Grant who held out immunity to him if he told the truth. Grant knew that Long had written the letters and he wanted the confession to clear up the case. It was only after immunity had been promised him and the Rev. John Callaghan, of St. Matthew's Catholic Church, his spiritual adviser, had urged him to tell the truth, that Long admitted authorship of the death threats.

List of Women. Those to whom Long admitted writing the letters included Henry White, 2139 R street, former ambassador to France and a member of the American Peace Committee at Versailles; Mrs. Mary Scott Townsend, 2121 Massachusetts avenue, mother-in-law of Senator Gerry; Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh, 2020 Massachusetts avenue, widow of former Senator Walsh; Mrs. Christian Hauger, 2343 Massachusetts avenue, daughter of the late Theodore Roosevelt.

The letter to Mrs. Hauger demanded that she leave \$20,000 in the Broadway of St. Matthew's Catholic Church last Monday night; the one to Mrs. Townsend was to be left near a hedge at the Georgetown University; the one to Mrs. Walsh was to be left at Thirty-seventh street and Tunlaw road, and the one to Mr. White was to be left under a doormat at his front door.

Each of the would-be victims of Long arranged through the police to leave packages as directed, believing by so doing that the author of the death threats would appear, but Long failed to attempt to get any of the money he directed to be left for him.

Text of Threat Letter. Here is the text of one of the death threat letters:

"Now don't be alarmed, but just (Continued on Page 2, Column 5.)

FILM STAR GAVE AD TO DIRECTOR SLAIN, FIELDS TELLS DETROIT POLICE.

Screen Beauty, Jealous, Had Another Movie Star by Taylor and Plotted His Death, Fields Said.

By International News Service. DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 25.—A movie actress of the Hollywood colony not only was implicated in the murder of William Desmond Taylor, film director, but actually gave a signal to waiting gunmen that Taylor was alone and could be killed safely, according to the story told by Harry M. Fields, to authorities in the county jail today.

Jealousy Was Motive. He said that the actress hired him and three others, including a Chinaman, a woman, and a gunman of Los Angeles to kill Taylor, paying them \$1,000 each. The actress was madly jealous of attentions paid to another movie star by Taylor and plotted his death, Fields said.

The actress went to Taylor's bungalow, Fields declared, and he and the other killers waited in a machine nearby. She appeared shortly afterward and waved a bag of candy as a signal that Taylor was alone.

The Chinaman and other gunman then entered and shot Taylor, while Fields and the woman remained in the machine, he said.

Drug Ring Theory Persists.

By International News Service. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 25.—Unless definite proof can be found which will set aside the story told in Detroit by Harry M. Fields of the slaying of William Desmond Taylor, film director, officers will probably go to the Michigan city to interrogate him.

While inclined strongly to doubt his presence here on the night of February 1, circumstantial confirmation of portions of his story will probably necessitate a first-hand questioning of Fields by local officers.

Should his story hold up under this "test," steps would then be taken for his return to Los Angeles. What this line of inquiry had to do with a reported message to Taylor from a man in San Francisco the night Taylor was slain was not divulged.

It is understood that District Attorney Woolwine, while doubting Fields' story, is inclined to give credence to the theory that a drug ring was mixed up in the Taylor murder, largely as a result of data provided over to him by Assistant U. S. Attorney Green.

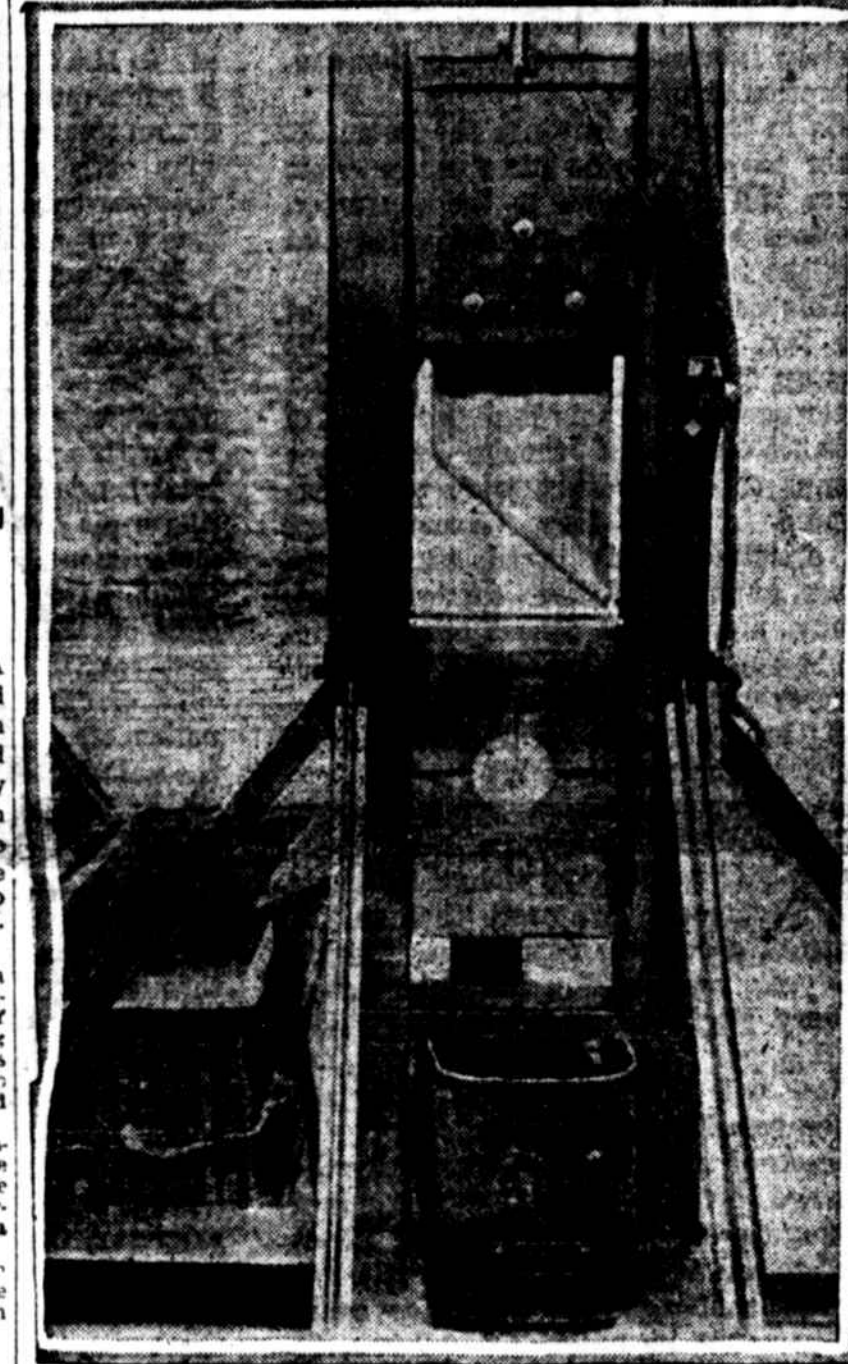
The federal official, told of Taylor seeking his aid to "run drug peddlers out of the studios," and of his solicitude to save a beautiful woman from the clutches of the drug ring.

While no direct word came from the Altadena home of Mabel Normand early today, it was reported that she was slightly better, although her condition still serious. Extreme weakness is said to have been an aftermath of the influenza with which she was stricken last Monday.

TWO ARE SHOT DEAD IN BELFAST STREET RIOTS

BELFAST, Feb. 25.—A Protestant and a Roman Catholic were shot dead in two outbreaks of street disorders during the night.

A huge assortment of art fakes is now flooding this country. Read in The Washington Times Sunday morning about the monumental frauds perpetrated upon American lovers of art.



This Guillotine Cut Off Landru's Head Severed Cranium Fell Into Sawdust Basket After Blade Descended

INNOCENT, HE CRIES AS BLADE DESCENDS

Bearded Deceiver Led to Guillotine as Fashionable Crowd Strains to See Him Die.

By WILLIAM COOK, International News Service.

VERSAILLES, France, Feb. 25.—In the raw, misty dawn, Henri Landru, France's arch murderer, was beheaded on the guillotine before the gate of St. Pierre prison today.

He had been found guilty on November 30 of the murder of ten women, to whom he had made love and offered marriage, and a boy, the son of one of his feminine victims.

Brave to the End.

Landru protested his innocence to the very end. "I will be brave," were the last words he uttered just before the knife fell.

It was eight minutes after 8 when Landru's head rolled from the execution block. He carried with him into the Great Beyond his secret of the missing women he was convicted of killing for their savings.

A crowd of morbidly curious persons, including numerous women, had gathered before the guillotine before daybreak.

Promptly at 6 o'clock the bugler in the neighboring barracks began to blow the reveille, a tune known to the American doughboy by the words, "I can't get 'em up." The sharp notes of the bugle officially proclaimed it daybreak. The crowd stirred expectantly, knowing that Landru would soon be led forth to his doom.

His Wife Is Absent.

Landru had been awake in the prison since 4 o'clock. When he was led before the gate he stared into the crowd, but if he was looking for his real wife and his children, he was disappointed. They were not present.

Two small glasses of rum formed the last breakfast of "Bluebeard." Landru refused to take any solid food, saying he was beyond all need of sustenance.

At 15 minutes after 5 a little group of prison officials entered Landru's cell and told him to prepare for the end. The condemned man's hands were tied behind his back and his feet were loosely hobbled, permitting him to shuffle down the stairs from the third cell row.

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"Please don't hold my arms so tight." The doomed man spoke cheerfully and pleasantly.

Landru Checks Out.

As is customary in France, Landru signed the prison register on his way out.

To expedite the work of the executioner, a high power arc light was burning in the prison court, flooding the guillotine with its rays. Landru stopped short for a moment and his body threw a heavy shadow across the foot of the guillotine.

Landru was pale, but stood erect and appeared cool. His beard had been shaved off under the chin, so that the hair would not interfere with the knife. For perhaps ten seconds Landru's head rolled into a basket partly filled with sawdust. The whole thing took less than 5 minutes' time.

The alert assistants stood beside the guillotine with outstretched hands. Hardly had the murderer's head fallen into the decapitation basket than they had grabbed it. Hardly had the echoes of the knife's thud died away before the body had been placed in a coffin with the head joined to the neck.

The coffin had stood in a closed wagon beside the guillotine. The men in the crowd bared their heads during the decapitation and a

ARRESTED FOR FORGERY WHILE FIANCEE WAITS

All in His Wedding Clothes, Bridegroom Is Taken Hour Before Ceremony.

All "dolled up" in his new clothes and with his fiancée's wedding ring in his pocket, Frederick Dent Grant, twenty-seven years old, of Glen Echo, was arrested last night by detectives while on his way to meet the girl to whom he was to be married an hour later.

While Grant was in custody, his fiancée, Miss Alice Melton, 415 Tenth street southeast, was telephoning to Grant's home and other places where she thought he might be, trying to learn why he had left her "waiting at the church."

Finally she learned that he was held at police headquarters, charged with having obtained the ring and the clothes he wore with forged checks.

According to Detectives Sergeants Thomas Sweeney and Joseph Ward of the Central office, Grant admitted that he had bought his new garments and the wedding ring with worthless checks. He also is said to have admitted that he had bought some furniture to fit up his "love nest" with worthless paper. All the checks bore the signature of George B. Ashley, manager of the Capitol Park Hotel, where Grant was employed for a short time.

Miss Melton wept when she learned that her fiancée was under arrest. She told the detectives, however, that his arrest would not interfere with their marriage.

"If he has not the money to make good the checks," said Miss Melton, "I will aid him to do so. Then we can be married."

Grant met Miss Melton several months ago at a dance. It seemed to be a case of love at first sight. Although unemployed Grant proposed marriage and was accepted. He said he would find work after the knot had been tied.

"I did not have any money to buy new clothing for the wedding, neither did I have money to buy the wedding ring," said Grant.



PROBE OPEN SHOP DRIVE, UNION CHIEFS' COMMAND

Efforts of employers in some sections of the country to establish the so-called "open shop" were under consideration today by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor.

Because of the extent of the "open shop" movement, the council ordered that an investigation be conducted by Samuel Gompers and other officials of the federation. They will be assisted in making the inquiry by the federations committee on banking and currency, of which Matthew Woll is chairman.

PRINCE NOT PRESENT WHEN SUITE IS FIRED ON IN INDIA

LONDON, Feb. 25.—The life of the Prince of Wales, heir to the British throne, was not endangered by the firing by Indian malcontents upon members of the prince's suite while motoring from Delhi to Puttalia, it was stated at the India office today. The prince was not present when the shooting took place.

No official advice have been received upon the matter. The report was received in a press dispatch from Puttalia.